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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:
SOLAR CELL AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

The specification of which

a. is attached hereto
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Japan	2002-266087	11 September 2002	

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SOLAR CELL AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Name of Corporation

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